Commercial.

THIS DAY.

Noon.

Cash business on the Stock Exchange has been at a standstill for some days past, and even "time" transfers hang fire. A few Banks have been negotiated this morning at 187 per cent. premium for the end of January, and also at 194 for March. The only other transaction reported, a transfer of Luzons at 96 for the end of June, scarcely merits special mention.

4 o'clock p.m.

Since noon Hongkong Fires have been done at the increased rate of 362½ per share, the stock leaving off with further buyers at that figure. Luzons have changed hands at 95 for the end of June. No other transactions came under our notice.

SHARES.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—cum New Issue—182 per cent. premium, sellers.

Union Insurance Society of Canton—$620 per share, sellers.

China Traders' Insurance Company—$71 per share.

North China Insurance—Tls. 1,350 per share.

Canton Insurance Company, Limited—$112 per share.

Yangtsze Insurance Association—Tls. 1000 per share, sellers.

Chinese Insurance Company—$200 per share, buyers.

On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—$362½ per share, sales and buyers.

China Fire Insurance Company—$360 per share, sellers.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—$7 per cent. premium.

Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—$49 per share, premium.

China and Manila Steam Ship Company—110 per share.

Hongkong Gas Company—$80 per share.

Hongkong Hotel Company—$150 per share, sellers.

Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—20 per cent. dis.

China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—$134 per share, sellers.

China Sugar Refining Company (Debentures)—2 per cent. premium.

Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—$90 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Ice Company—$150 per share, sellers.

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—$80 per share, buyers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1878—1½ per cent. prem. ex. int.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1881—par.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—Bank, T. T.	3/8½
Bank Bills, on demand	3/8½
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	3/9
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	3/9½
Credits, at 4 months' sight	3/9½
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight	3/9½ @ 3/9⅝
ON PARIS.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	4.80
Credits, at 4 months' sight	4.88
ON BOMBAY.—Bank, T.T.	229
ON CALCUTTA.—Bank, T.T.	229
On Demand—	229½
ON SHANGHAI.—	
Bank, sight	70⅛
Private, 30 days' sight	73⅛

OPIUM MARKET.—THIS DAY.

NEW MALWA per picul, (Allowance, Taels 96.)	$525
OLD MALWA per picul, (Allowance, Taels 86.)	$575
NEW PATNA, high touch (without choice) per chest	$557½
NEW PATNA, high touch (first choice) per chest	$560
NEW PATNA, high touch (second choice) per chest	$555
NEW PATNA, low touch (without choice) per chest	$555
NEW PATNA, low touch (first choice) per chest	$557½
NEW PATNA, low touch (bottom) per chest	$500
NEW PATNA, low touch (second choice) per chest	$552½
NEW BENARES, high touch (without choice) per chest	$545
TURKEY, per picul	$460 @ $520
NEW PERSIAN (best quality) per picul,	$485 @ $525
OLD PERSIAN (best quality) per picul,	$375 @ $400
OLD PERSIAN (second quality) per picul,	$265 @ $352

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

THIS DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

BAROMETER, THERMOMETER, &c.	Hongkong		Amoy		Shanghai		Manila	
	Previous day at 8 P.M.	Yesterday at 10 A.M.	Previous day at 8 P.M.	Yesterday at 10 A.M.	Previous day at 8 P.M.	Yesterday at 10 A.M.	Previous day at 8 P.M.	Yesterday at 10 A.M.
Barometer	30.15	30.17	30.14	30.23	30.26	30.31	30.23	30.14
Thermometer (Fahrenheit)	65.0	66.0	64.0	59.0	43.0	36.0	75.0	71.6
Direction of Wind	N	NNE	NE	W	Calm	WSW	NW	NE
Force	3	5	2	1	0	2	2	3
Dry Thermometer	64.3	65.0	—	—	42.3	35.3	77.0	61.9
Wet Thermometer	59.0	60.0	—	—	39.0	14.0	72.3	70.0
Weather	b c	b m	—	—	c	b c	c	b
Hour's Rain	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Quantity fallen	—	—	—	—	—	0.14	—	—

Barometer.—Level of the sea in inches, tens and hundredths.—Thermometer, in Fahrenheit degrees and tens kept in the open air in a shaded situation.—Direction of Wind, as registered every two points, N., N.N.E., N.E., etc.—Force of Wind, 0 calm, 1 to 3 light breeze, 3 to 5 moderate, 5 to 7 fresh, 7 to 8 strong, 8 to 10 heavy, 10 to 12 violent.—State of Weather, B. Clear blue sky, C. Cloudy, D. Drizzly, F. Fog, G. Foggy, H. Hail, L. Lightning, M. Misty, O. Overcast, P. Passing showers, Q. Squally, R. Rainy, S. Snow, T. Thunder, U. Bad, threatening, W. Wet, Y. Stormy, Z. Calm. The letters are repeated to indicate any increase over the mean average of their signification. Rain.—The hours of rain for the previous 24 hours (noon) are registered from 1 to 24, the quantity of water fallen included in inches, tens and hundredths.

Shipping.

ARRIVALS.

NAM-VIAN, French steamer, 435, Lerede, 20th Dec.,—Haiphong 18th December, General. A. R. Marty.

COLOMA, American bark, 832, C. M. Noyes, 20th Dec.,—Portland, Oregon, 22nd Oct., Lumber and Spars.—Melchers & Co.

ILTIS, German gunboat, Commander Klausa, 20th December,—from Canton.

KWONGSANG, British str., 918, St. Croix, 21st December,—Keelung 16th December, Coal.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

LUTIN, French gunboat, Captain Rouvier, 21st Dec.,—from Canton.

CITY OF PEKING, American str., 5,079, Berry, 21st Dec.—San Francisco 22nd Nov., and Yokohama 15th Dec., Mails and General.—P. M. S. S. Co.

CHINKIANG, British steamer, 781, Hermann, 21st Dec.,—Shanghai 18th Dec., General.—Siemssen & Co.

BRECONSHIRE, British steamer, 1,241, Thomas, 21st Dec.,—Foochow 19th December, General.—Adamson, Bell & Co.

PRIAM, British steamer, 1,402, Butler, 21st Dec.,—Shanghai 15th Dec., General.—Butterfield & Swire.

CHARON WATTANA, Siamese bark, 657, F. Ulrich, 21st December,—Chefoo 13th Dec., General.—Chinese.

ROMEO, Spanish steamer, 270, Reynante, 21st Dec.,—Manila 17th Dec., General.—Melchers & Co.

ORION, Austro-Hungarian steamer, 1,813, G. Mahorcich, 21st Dec.,—Trieste 1st Nov., and Singapore 14th December, General.—Melchers & Co.

ULYSSES, British steamer, 1,573, Thompson, 21st Dec.,—Liverpool, and Singapore 14th Dec., General.—Butterfield & Swire.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

Anna Dorothea, German bark, for Singapore.
Kow-shing, British steamer, for Shanghai.
Michelle Selchan, Danish bark, for Macassar.
Takachiho Maru, Japanese str., for Nagasaki.
Albay, British steamer, for Swatow.
Ocean, British steamer, for Saigon.
Woosung, British steamer, for Swatow.
Glenury, British 3-m. schooner, for Takao.

DEPARTURES.

December 21, *Thales*, British steamer, for Hoihow and Singapore.
December 21, *Jeddah*, British str., for Amoy.
December 21, *Tanais*, French steamer, for Singapore, &c.
December 21, *Saturnus*, German bark, for Taiwanfoo.
December 21, *Miramar*, British steamer, for Singapore.
December 21, *Jason*, British str., for Amoy, &c.
December 21, *Takachiho Maru*, Japanese str., for Nagasaki, &c.
December 21, *Kow-shing*, British steamer, for Shanghai.
December 21, *Albay*, British str., for Swatow.

PASSENGERS—ARRIVED.

Per *Nam-vian*, str., from Haiphong.—12 Chinese.

Per *Coloma*, from Portland, Oregon.—350 Chinese.

Per *City of Peking*, str., from San Francisco, &c.—Rev. and Mrs. J. Jamieson, Miss H. Lewis, Captain J. W. Connor, P. C. Mozerndar, W. B. Spratt, and K. Kopsch.

Per *Priam*, str., from Shanghai.—Captain and Mrs. Shaw and 2 children, Captain and Mrs. Dirckson, Mr. Martin, and 160 Chinese.

Per *Breconshire*, str., from Foochow.—3 Chinese.

Per *Chinkiang*, str., from Shanghai.—28 Chinese.

Per *Orion*, str., from Trieste, &c.—Mr. Hutteroth Consorte, and 303 Chinese.

Per *Ulysses*, str., from Singapore, &c.—151 Chinese.

REPORTS.

The British steamship *Breconshire* reports left Foochow on the 19th instant. Had light N.E. wind and fine clear weather throughout the passage.

The American bark *Coloma* reports left Portland, Oregon, on the 22nd October. Had fine weather as far as Sandwich Islands; from thence had unsteady winds and bad weather.

The American steamship *City of Peking* reports left San Francisco on the 22nd ultimo, at 4 p.m., and Yokohama on the 15th instant, at 7 a.m. Had light N.E. monsoon with clear weather.

The British steamship *Chinkiang* reports left Shanghai on the 18th instant. From Shanghai to the Brothers had light variable winds and fine weather; from thence had moderate breeze and fine weather.

Post Office.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE

For Saigon.—Per *Woosung*, to-day, the 21st instant, at 5 P.M.

For Bangkok.—Per *Pfeing*, to-morrow, the 22nd instant, at 1.30 P.M.

For Swatow.—Per *Atalanta*, to-morrow, the 22nd instant, at 3.30 P.M.

For Swatow, Amoy, & Foochow.—Per *Namoa*, to-morrow, the 22nd instant, at 5 P.M.

For Saigon.—Per *Ville de Lisbonne*, to-morrow, the 22nd instant, at 5 P.M.

For Swatow and Bangkok.—Per *Phra Chula Chom Klao*, on Monday, the 24th instant, at 7.30 A.M.

For Swatow, Amoy, Tamsui, and Taiwan.—Per *Hailoong*, on Monday, the 24th instant, at 3.30 P.M.

For Nagasaki, Hiogo, and Yokohama.—Per *Khiva*, on Thursday, the 27th instant, at 11.30 A.M.

For Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, &c.—Per *Naples*, on Tuesday, the 8th January, at 4.00 P.M.

HOURS FOR CLOSING THE CONTRACT MAILS.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.

The British Contract Packet "KAISAR-I-HIND," will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 16th instant, with Mails for the United Kingdom, Europe and countries beyond, *via Brindisi*, to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for the Australasian Colonies.

The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(FROM MESSRS. FALCONER & CO.'S REGISTER.)

YESTERDAY.

Barometer—1 P.M.	30.266
Barometer—4 P.M.	30.262
Thermometer—1 P.M.	67°
Thermometer—4 P.M.	67°
Thermometer—1 P.M. (Wet bulb)	62°
Thermometer—4 P.M. (Wet bulb)	63°

TO-DAY.

Barometer—9 A.M.	30.264
Barometer—1 P.M.	30.302
Thermometer—9 A.M.	62°
Thermometer—1 P.M.	68°
Thermometer—9 A.M. (Wet bulb)	61°
Thermometer—1 P.M. (Wet bulb)	66°
Thermometer—Maximum	69°
Thermometer—Minimum (over night)	60°

SHIPPING IN HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.

ALBAY, British steamer, 366, F. D. Goddard, 18th Dec.,—Kudat 9th Dec., and Sandakan 11th, General.—D. Lapraik & Co.

ATALANTA, German steamer, 784, E. G. Pfaff, 19th Dec.,—Saigon 13th Dec., General.—Siemssen & Co.

DANUBE, British steamer, 561, J. Newton, 22nd November,—Bangkok 12th November, Rice and General.—Yuen Fat Hong.

EMUY, Spanish steamer, 410, Rementeria 30th June,—Manila 27th June, General.—Remedios & Co.—Kowloon Dock.

FAME, British steamer, 117, A. Stopani.—Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.

HAILOONG, British steamer, 277, F. Ashton, 20th December,—Tamsui 15th Dec., Taiwanfoo 17th, Amoy 18th, and Swatow 19th, General.—D. Lapraik & Co.

HAINAN, British steamer, 281, J. Woone, 28th Nov.,—Hoihow 26th November, General.—Afong & Co.

HESPERIA, German steamer, 1,136, F. Wagner, 20th December,—Hamburg 1st Nov., and Singapore 12th Dec., General.—Siemssen & Co.

HYDASPES, British str., 1,891, Geo. Scrivener, 20th Dec.,—Bombay 1st Dec., Colombo 7th, Penang 12th, and Singapore 14th; Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

JEDDAH, British steamer, 993, Geary, 19th Dec.,—Singapore 9th December, General.—Ghee Cheong Hong.

LUSITANIA, German steamer, 787, Nickelsen, 15th December,—from Nagasaki, General.—Captain.

NAMOA, British steamer, 862, G. D. Pitman, 19th Dec.,—Foochow 16th Dec., Amoy 17th, and Swatow 18th, General.—D. Lapraik & Co.

OCEAN, British steamer, 1,039, R. R. Brown, 11th Dec.,—Saigon 5th December, General.—Adamson, Bell & Co.

OWARI MARU, Japanese steamer, 684, J. Adair, 20th Dec.,—Glasgow 23rd October, and Singapore 12th Dec., General.—Adamson, Bell & Co.

PEKING, British steamer, 954, Heuermann, 18th Dec.,—Canton 17th Dec., General.—Siemssen & Co.

PHRA CHULA CHOM KLAO, British str., 1,000, H. H. Lightwood, 18th Dec.,—Bangkok 11th December, Rice and Wood.—Hop Hing Hong.

PILOT FISH, Spanish steamer, Bernando Vhi, 27th Nov.,—Manila 24th November, Ballast.—Remedios & Co.—Cosmopolitan Dock.

SALTEE, French steamer, 323, V. Aranguren, 12th Dec.,—Haiphong 10th December, Rice.—A. R. Marty.

SEA GULL, American steamer, 448, Hayden, Nov. 24th,—China Traders' Insurance Co.

SELEMBRIA, British steamer, 1,092, Fowler, 16th November,—Amoy 15th November, General.—Russell & Co.

TAKACHIHO MARU, Japanese steamer, 1,497, C. Nye, 16th December,—Kobe 9th Dec., and Nagasaki 11th, General.—Mitsu Bishi M. S. S. Co.

TROMP, Dutch steamer, 137, A. S. Roe, 11th October,—Celebes 27th September, Victoria Foundry.

VILLE DE KILBONNE, French steamer, 1,377, Gallenne, 19th Dec.,—Manila 16th Dec., General.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

WOOSUNG, British steamer, 1,109, Hunt, 20th Dec.,—Haiphong 18th Dec., General.—Butterfield & Swire.

SAILING VESSELS.

ALICE MARY, British bark, 361, J. Danis, 26th Nov.,—Newchwang 15th Nov., Beans.—Russell & Co.

ANNA, German bark, 447, W. Jessen, 30th Nov., Newchwang 22nd Nov., Beans.—Wieler & Co.

ANNA BERTHA, German bark, 480, Krause, 3rd Dec.,—Newchwang 2nd Dec., Beans.—Siemssen Co.

ANNA DOROTHEA, Ger. bark, 343, T. Slocum, 3rd Dec.,—Newchwang 19th Nov., Beans.—Wieler & Co.

ANNETTIN, Italian bark, 475, F. Repetto, 4th Dec.,—Singapore 13th October, Wood.—D. Musso & Co.

ANTIOCH, American bark, 956, J. D. Wyman, 25th Nov.,—Newcastle, N.S.W., 2nd Oct., Coals.—Order.

ASTERIA, British brig, 211, Samuel Cox, 26th September,—Normanton (North Queensland) 18th Sept., Ballast.—Captain.

BRODRENE, British bark, 665, A. E. Kildahl, 2nd Dec.,—Newcastle, N.S.W., 12th Oct., Coal.—Russell & Co.

CHANNEL QUEEN, Brit. bark, 600, Le Lachaur, 13th Dec.,—Singapore 6th Nov., Timber.—Ed. Schellhass & Co.

C. B. CARVER, American bark, 1,100, Leroy Dow, 8th Dec.,—Yokohama 29th Nov., Petroleum Oil.—Thomas Rowe and Smith.

ELIZABETH, German bark, 1,170, D. Brauer, 30th Nov.,—Cardiff 1st July, Coals.—Melchers & Co.

GESINE BRONS, German bark, 400, Laarmann, 14th November,—Swatow 10th Nov., Ballast.—Wieler & Co.

GLENURY, British 3-m. schooner, 283, Thomson, 5th Dec.,—Newchwang 3rd Dec., General.—Wieler & Co.

HAYDN BROWN, American bark, 822, C. H. Hevener, 15th Oct.,—Newcastle, N.S.W., 1st August, Coals.—Russell & Co.

HECHT, German 3-m. schooner, 358, Ploetz, 18th Dec.,—Chefoo 9th Dec., Beans.—Siemssen & Co.

HELENA, British bark, 556, C. Hansen, 25th Nov.,—Newchwang 13th November, Beans.—Siemssen & Co.

HERMANN, German bark, 444, M. Traulsen, 3rd Dec.,—Amoy 1st Dec., Beans.—Wieler & Co.

HIERONYMUS, German bark, 425, Ipland, 1st Dec.,—Amoy 29th Nov., Beans.—Captain.

JACOBINE, German bark, 417, C. H. Christiansen, 23rd Nov.,—Newchwang 14th Nov., Beans.—Ed. Schellhass & Co.

J. A. BORLAND, American bark, 635, Y. A. Kent, 8th September,—Newcastle 6th July, Coal.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

MARIE, German bark, 465, H. Ipland, 27th Nov.,—Newchwang 16th November, Beans.—Wieler & Co.

MATHILDE, German bark, 355, Tonningsen, 23rd Nov.,—Newchwang 14th Nov., Beans.—Ed. Schellhass & Co.

M. SELCHAN, Danish bark, 447, O. Gerstenburg, 23rd Nov.,—Newchwang 14th Nov., Beans.—Wieler & Co.

MOUNT LEBANON, British bark, 530, Chas. H. Nelson, 12th Oct.,—Whampoa 11th Oct.—Rozario & Co.—Repairing at Cosmopolitan Dock.

NELLIE M. SLADE, American barkentine, 560, Gould, 29th Nov.,—Newcastle, N.S.W., 15th October, Coal.—Russell & Co.

Nellie May, American bark, 664, Austin, 30th Nov.,—Newcastle 18th October, Coal.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

N. GIBSON, Amer. bark, 704, F. C. Bailey, 3rd November,—Newcastle, N.S.W., 6th Sept., Coal.—Borneo Co., Limited.

ONEIDA, American ship, 1,130, Calver, 27th October,—Newcastle, N.S.W., 28th August, Coal.—Russell & Co.—Kowloon Dock.

ONNEA, British bark, 480, James Morrison, 29th November,—Canton 28th Nov., November.—Ed. Schellhass & Co.

HONGKONG—SAILING VESSELS.

Continued.

OSAKA, British bark, 527, Lowe, 23rd Nov.,—London 31st July, General.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

RACHEL, British bark, 283, R. Affleck, 30th Nov.,—Newchwang, and Amoy 28th Nov., Beans.—Chinese.

RODERICK HAY, British bark, 293, Nicholson, 30th Nov.,—Newchwang 15th Nov., and Amoy 28th, Beans.—Captain.

SACHEM, American ship, 1,380, Small, 4th Nov.,—Cardiff 9th June, Coal.—O. & O. S. S. Co.

SARAH, American bark, 628, A. J. Downe, 1st Dec.,—Newcastle, N.S.W., 3rd October, Coal.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

SIBIRIEN, German bark, 367, H. Johannsen, 18th Dec.,—Newchwang 21st Nov., Beans.—Edt Schellhass & Co.

SPARTAN, American schooner, 85, Ch. Vincent, 26th July,—from Chungchow.—W. H. Ray.

ST. IDEUC, French bark, 380, T. Durand, 16th Dec.,—Whampoa 15th December, General.—Carlowitz & Co.

TWILIGHT, American ship, 1,265, W. C. Warland, 8th June,—Newcastle, N.S.W., 14th April, Coal.—Adamson, Bell & Co.

WILDWOOD, American bark, 1,099, Chas. P. Sawyer, 23rd Sept.,—Nagasaki 14th Sept.—Coal.—M. B. M. S. S. Co.

ZOUAVE, American ship, 1,202, Robert C. Loper, 3rd August,—Cardiff 4th April, Coals.—P. & O. S. N. Co.—Compolitan Dock.

CANTON.

FU-SHUN, British str., 1,503, Croad, 19th Dec.,—Shanghai 16th December, General.—C. M. S. N. Co.

WHAMPOA.

RAMIER, French brig, 280, Savary,—Carlowitz & Co.

SHUN-ON, Annamite steamer, 136, Blumenberg, 14th Dec.,—Saigon 1st December, General.—Chinese.

HER BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S SHIPS IN THE CHINA SQUADRON.

Albatross, screw sloop, 4 guns, Commander Chas. Hicks, Hankow.

Audacious, double-screw iron frigate, Captain R. E. Tracey, Cruising.

Champion, corvette, 14 guns, Captain A. T. Powlett, Hongkong.

Cleopatra, corvette, 14 guns, Captain H. N. Hippisley, Cruising.

Cockchafer, gunboat, 4 guns, Commander R. L. Groome, Chefoo.

Curacoa, corvette, 14 guns, Captain Anstruther, Shanghai.

Daring, composite sloop, 4 guns, Commander F. J. J. Eliott, Hongkong.

Esk, double-screw gunboat, 3 guns, In reserve, Hongkong.

Espoir, gunboat, 4 guns, Commander Gamble, Chinkiang.

Flying-Fish, sloop, 4 guns, Lieut.-Commander Hoskyn, Hongkong.

Fly, double-screw gun-vessel, 4 guns, Commander J. Hope, Hongkong.

Foxhound, gunboat, 4 guns, Lieut.-Commander McQuhae, Foochow.

Kestrel, double-screw gun-vessel, 4 guns, Commander E. Hotham, Tientsin.

Linnet, British gunboat, 5 guns, Commander J. G. Jones, Hongkong.

Magpie, surveying vessel, 4 guns, Lieut.-Com. Hon. F. Vereker, Sunda Straits.

Midge, double-screw gun-vessel, Tisdall, in reserve, Hongkong.

Pegasus, sloop, 6 guns, Commander Bickford, Singapore.

Sapphire, corvette, 9 guns, Commander John R. T. Fullerton, Nagasaki.

Swift, double-screw gun-vessel, 5 guns, Commander W. Collins, Canton.

Tweed, double-screw gunboat, 3 guns, in reserve, Hongkong.

Victor Emmanuel, receiving ship, 20 guns, Commodore Cuming, Hongkong.

Vigilant, paddle despatch-vessel, 2 guns, Commander Maxwell, Hongkong.

Wivern, turret-ship, 4 guns, in reserve, Hongkong.

Zephyr, gunboat, 4 guns, Lieutenant-Commander Pollard, Hongkong.

FOREIGN MEN-OF-WAR ON THE CHINA STATION.

Abreck, Russian gunboat, 7 guns, Captain Schanz, Vladivostock.

Cher, French gunboat, Commander Lafon, Hongkong.

Enterprise, American corvette, Commander A. S. Baker, Korea.

Ermak, Russian transport, Captain Koltchau, Japan.

Essex, American gun-vessel, 6 guns, Captain McCormack, Canton.

Gornostaj, Russian gunboat, 7 guns, Commander Stark, Vladivostock.

Hamelin, French cruiser, Commander H. Roustan, Haiphong.

Ilis, German gunboat, 8 guns, Commander Klausa, Hongkong.

Juniata, American corvette, Commander P. F. Harrington, Hongkong.

Kersaint, French corvette, Commander Beaumont, Haiphong.

Leipzig, German corvette, 16 guns, Captain Herbig, Hongkong.

Legaspi, Spanish transport, Commander Valenti, Shanghai.

Lutin, French gunboat, 4 guns, Commander Rouvier, Hongkong.

Monocacy, American gunboat, 6 guns, Commander C. S. Cotton, Shanghai.

Morye, Russian gunboat, 7 guns, Commander Moltzoff, Vladivostock.

Naesdnik, Russian corvette, Captain Kalagerass, Yokohama.

Nerpa, Russian gunboat, 7 guns, Commander Valrondt, Vladivostock.

Opritchnik, Russian cruiser, Commander B. Ivashentzoff, Foochow.

Palos, American gunboat, 6 guns, Lieutenant, Commander Green, Chefoo.

Pensacola, American frigate, Captain H. Esben, en route, Singapore.

Richmond, American frigate, 14 guns, Captain Skerrett, Yokohama.

Skobeleff, Russian corvette, Captain Blanodareff, Yokohama.

Sobol, Russian gunboat, 7 guns, Commander Boyle, Nagasaki.

Stosch, German corvette, 19 guns, Captain Buchholtz, Cruising.

Tamega, Portuguese gunboat, Commander da Costa Cabral, Hongkong.

Tongous, Russian gunboat, Commander Heck, Singapore.

Tourville, French frigate, 27 guns, Captain Bose, Hongkong.

Triomphante, French corvette, 17 guns, Captain Baux, Amoy.

Victorieuse, French frigate, 14 guns, Captain de la Batie,—Hongkong.

Villars, French corvette, 15 guns, Captain M. Dewatre, Haiphong.

Volta, French corvette, Captain Fournier, Canton.

Vostock, Russian gunboat, 4 guns, Commander Molchonsky, Vladivostock.

Wolf, German gunboat, 4 guns, Commander von Raven, Hongkong.

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JUDGE DENNY'S DEPARTURE.

The Consular body held a meeting yesterday afternoon, (4th inst.), and presented the following, which was read by Mr. Hughes, H.B.M.'s Consul, to Judge Denny, the United States Consul-General, on the occasion of his retirement from the port as doyen of the Consular Body. Judge Denny leaves for the United States on Sunday next per s.s. *Hiroshima Maru*:—

Shanghai, 12th December, 1883.

O. N. DENNY, Esq.,

Consul-General of the United States.

Dear Colleague,—On the occasion of your leaving Shanghai for the purpose of visiting your native land, we avail ourselves of the opportunity to express our high appreciation of the able manner in which you have discharged the duties of doyen of the Consular Body at this port. We have witnessed how you have never spared pains or trouble in the performance of a task which was specially onerous during your recent tenure of office. We have witnessed how, by the exercise of good sense and sound judgment, you have dealt satisfactorily with the most difficult questions, while you have at the same time always acted in harmony with your colleagues. We thank you warmly for the kindness and courtesy which we have always received from you, and for your ready compliance with every suggestion which seemed likely to conduce to the good of the public and the prosperity of the foreign settlements.

With our best wishes for the health and happiness of yourself and family, and trusting we may soon have the pleasure of welcoming your return,

We have the honour to be,

Dear colleague,

Very faithfully yours,

P. J. HUGHES, H.B.M.'s Consul.
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Mr. Denny, in reply to the address, spoke as follows:—

P. J. HUGHES, Esq.,

H. B. M.'s Consul, and Dear Colleagues,—The cordial way in which you have expressed, on the eve of my departure, your approval of my course as a colleague and doyen of the Consular Body, is as surprising to me as it is gratifying. While in conducting the public business I have always endeavoured to pursue that course which would lead to the best and most satisfactory results, yet whatever success my efforts may have met with is due rather to your good counsels and undivided suport than to any efforts of my own.—I—may be permitted to add, however, that during my experience in the Consular service, I have never attempted to advance the interests of my Government or those of its citizens at the expense of the rights of the subjects and citizens of other nationalities, believing, as I do, that the interests of the American citizens are best promoted when the rights of all foreigners are secured under the treaties, treating at the same time with exact justice the people of this great Empire. And this shall continue to be my aim when I again return and resume those social and official relations with you which have always been attended with so much pleasure and unanimity. In conclusion, I have to especially thank you for the good wishes expressed for the health and happiness of myself and family, and to assure you of my highest esteem and friendship.—*Shanghai Mercury.*

TIENTSIN.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

6th December, 1883.

Sir Harry Parkes, with Messrs. Maude and Hillier, arrived here yesterday from Corea in H.M.S. *Kestrel*, not much too soon, judging from the quantity of ice in the river. H.M.S. *Cockchafer* left here this morning, and we have therefore for our protection this winter the gunboats *Kestrel*, *Sebol*, and *Palos*. The steamers *Pautah* and *Pechili* left the Bund on Monday afternoon, the gallant commander of the former being evidently undesirous of spending another winter amidst the dissipations of Tientsin; later arrivals, viz., the *Waverley*, *Fuyew*, *Chefoo* and *Newchwang*, are discharging at Taku. The *Sin Nansing* is looked for there about the end of the week; and her departure will probably bring to a close the steamer campaign of 1883.

A thousand pities those of your fellow residents who love skating cannot share with us our present advantages. The ponds of the "Resurrection Ground" are now the afternoon resort of the youth, beauty and manhood of Tientsin, and the country beyond "San-Ko-Lin's Folly," over which we used to ride, presents as far as the eye can reach one vast expanse of beautiful ice, as yet unspoilt by dust, the level surface of which is only broken by an occasional cluster of trees or the top of some high mound, creating a peculiar but rather pleasing effect. Most people here are very much at home on skates, but there are still a few, amongst whom is the writer, who have not yet advanced beyond that stage in the art at which Mr. Winkle had arrived when he found the ice "rather slippery." Other preparations are on foot for killing time during the winter, amongst which the pleasures of the juvenile element of the community have not been forgotten.

A room in the Municipal buildings has been recently fitted up for use as a Public Library and Museum, which in time will doubtless prove a valuable addition to the resources of the community.

I am sorry I am unable to offer you any political news—(It is a puzzle to most people where "our own correspondents" of your contemporaries obtain their information from); but the general impression here amongst those best able to judge is that the difficulties twixt France and China will find a solution, somehow, short of actual war, and though we are much better off than our Newchwang friends in the matter of protection, it is devoutly to be hoped that the above expectation will be realised.

The Hon. T. G. Grosvenor leaves here for home per *Sin Nansing* in a few days—having been transferred from Peking to the Legation at Brussels.

Since writing the above a rumour has reached me that the *Chefoo* is on her way up the river, under the escort of a tug in case of accident, but it is scarcely probable she will venture up.—*Temperance Union.*

NEWS BY THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The Pacific Mail Co.'s steamer *City of Peking*, Capt. Berry, with the American mails up to November 22nd, arrived in harbour this morning. We are indebted for the following telegraphic items to our San Francisco exchanges:—

LONDON, November 15th.

Dr. Stocker was announced to speak in the Memorial Hall to-night on "Christian Socialism." Although admission was by ticket, a large number of Socialists took possession and created the greatest disorder. They hooted Dr. Stocker and unfurled red flags. "The Marseillaise" was sung and the platform carried with cheers for "the next revolution." Stocker was finally obliged to retire. The meeting afterwards dispersed.

ROME, November 15th.

Cardinal Simeoni, Prefect of the Propaganda, gives a banquet on Sunday in honor of the American bishops. Cardinal Jacobini, Pontifical Secretary of State, gives another banquet in their honor on Tuesday.

VIENNA, November 16th.

A monster trial will begin in Hungary shortly, the prisoners being 111 persons, accused of participating in the recent anti-Jewish riots. To prove the guilt of the prisoners, 1,400 witnesses will be called.

LONDON, November 15th.

James Russell Lowell, United States Minister to Great Britain, has returned to London from the Continent and resumed charge of his duties.

PARIS, November 15th.

Marquis Delasteryie, life member of the Senate, is dead. He was born in 1810 and was elected by the National Assembly in 1875.

CONSTANTINOPLE, November 15th.

Gen. Wallace, United States Minister, supported by the British Ambassador, has energetically pressed the Porte for the punishment of the men who recently attacked two American missionaries in Asia Minor.

MADRID, November 15th.

Officials of the War Office deny that the Crown Prince of Germany will be made honorary Colonel of a Spanish regiment. They say such an appointment would be unprecedented.

Edward Hanlan and George W. Lee, oarsmen, arrived in this city to-night, on their way to San Francisco, whence they go to Australia.

PARIS, November 15th.

It is stated that the Marquis Tseng declared he came to Paris merely as an act of courtesy to Prime Minister Ferry.

Herrison, Minister of Commerce, speaking at a banquet, said: "French Chambers of Commerce will soon exist in all the great commercial centres abroad."

MONTREAL, November 15th.

Another of the Richelieu Company's steamers, the *Abyssinia*, is sunk; valued at $30,000.

PARIS, November 16th.

It is reported on the Bourse that Admiral Courbet has been defeated in Tonquin. *La France* professes to have similar news. *La Liberté* positively contradicts the report. It is generally believed, however, that the French forces have begun their advance. A man has been arrested on the Bourse for spreading alarmist news.

BERLIN, November 16th.

The Crown Prince to-day took leave of the Emperor at the Palace, and will leave to-morrow for Spain.

PARIS, November 16th.

This afternoon, while Prime Minister Ferry was in the Senate Chamber, a young man of 18 years of age went to the Minister of Public Instruction and asked to see Ferry. The latter's Secretary informed the youth that Ferry was absent. The stranger then left, but returned ten minutes later and forced his way into the reception-room, holding in his hand a revolver, which he kept pointed, as if ready to fire. Officials seized him, and, after a struggle, he was overpowered. While being held he shouted *"Vive la Republique Sociale!" "Vive la Commune!"* The revolver was fully loaded and thirty cartridges were found on his person. He said he was born at Hagenau, in Alsace, and was a baker by trade. He stated that the murder of the French Minister had been agreed upon at a meeting of a secret society at Lille, and he came to Paris to execute the mandate of the society. He regretted he had not been successful, and said that as soon as he was liberated he would make another attempt, which would be successful. Ferry did not hear of the affair until six o'clock.

BERLIN, November 16th.

The *Courier* states that Bismarck met Baron De Giers, the Russian Minister for Foreign Affairs, at Radnay Station, and upon his arrival at Friederichsruhe, he received him in a formal but friendly manner. They drove to the mansion of Bismarck, and were several hours in conversation. Bismarck, the *Courier* states, looks ill and thin. His face is yellow from the effects of the recent attack of jaundice, and his gait is heavy, yet his eyes retain their wonted force and fire.

OTAWA, November 15th.

It is understood that Postmaster-General Carling will submit to Parliament at the coming session such amendments to the postal laws as will prevent the circulation of lottery circulars and tickets through the mails.

PARIS, November 16th.

The *Temps* has an article on the *North German Gazette's* editorial referring to the tone of the French press in commenting upon the projected visit of Crown Prince Frederick William to King William, which editorial the *North German Gazette* upbraided the anti-German press of France for keeping the people in constant fear of impending war with Germany which has the effect of paralyzing every branch of business in France. The *Temps* says the *North German Gazette* has created great disturbance in regard to the articles in certain French papers more or less unknown, and in no way represents public opinion.

The *Temps* says: If Tonquin credits already asked for should prove to be insufficient, the Chambers will be prepared to vote more.

ROME, November 16th.

The American bishops are discussing questions connected with the discipline of the clergy.

LIMERICK, November 16th.

The election for the successor of Richard O'Shaughnessy (Liberal) in Parliament from this city, resulted as follows: Edward McMahon (Parnellite and Nationalist), 922; James Spaight (Conservative), 474.

VIENNA, November 16th.

The projected journey of the Crown Prince begins to cause uneasiness here. It is not forgotten that a Spanish quarrel led to the war of 1870. It is feared that King Alfonso has not enough hold on the people to secure the Crown Prince from insult which would upset the work of years and terminate all assurance of peace.

PARIS, November 16th.

Currien, who sought to shoot M. Ferry, has been examined by a doctor and pronounced insane.

MADRID, November 16th.

Marshal Serrano, recently appointed Spanish Ambassador to France, in an interview with the French Ambassador at Madrid, said "Spain was not menaced by any foreign State and should reserve all her energies for home reforms."

The rumor that the Spanish Legation at Berlin and Vienna will be raised to the rank of Embassies is unfounded. The Cabinet does not take the risk which would be involved in damaging the debates which surely will be raised in the Cortes on the subject, if such a proposition is made.

PARIS, November 16th.

A member of the Chamber of Deputies states that Admiral Courbet's position in Tonquin is critical, and that admiral Peyron, Minister of Marine, proposes to defend him by blockading Canton, but this would involve sending a formal notification to maritime powers, and, therefore, a declaration of war against China, a measure from which the Chamber shrinks.

LONDON, November 16th.

A *Times'* Paris despatch says: Collective arbitration of Powers most interested must prevent war between France and China. Europe will be delighted to learn that they have accepted the arbitration of England, Russia and America.

LIMERICK, November 16th.

Dawson, the Lord Mayor of Dublin, has arrived here to speak in furtherance of McMahon's candidature for Parliament. Dawson was met on his arrival by 10,000 people.

BERLIN, November 27th.

The Emperor's speech, on opening the Landtag, will deal mainly with tax and customs reforms. It is understood that the Centre intends to press discussion on the church question.

The Crown Prince left this morning for Spain.

LONDON, November 17th.

A heavy squall to-day caused considerable damage to property in the vicinity of Portsmouth, and a high tide flooded the lower portions of the town.

PARIS, November 17th.

At the Cabinet Council to-day, the Minister of Marine read the latest despatch from Tonquin, which contradicts the reports of Admiral Courbet's illness and the projected bombardment of Canton, as well as other Alarmist rumors put in currency on the bourse yesterday.

Prime Minister Ferry will, on Monday, make detailed explanations to the Committee of the Deputies, appointed to re-examine the Tonquin credits.

GENOA, November 17th.

The strike of steamship engineers is spreading to all Italian ports, causing the detention of many steamships and serious loss to ship-owners and merchants.

CAIRO, November 17th.

The Egyptian Government has sent an official note to England demanding to be heard on any proposal that may be made looking to a modification of the regulations governing the Suez Canal.

LONDON, November 17th.

A shock of earthquake was felt yesterday on the Island of Chios. No damage was done.

PARIS, November 17th.

Later inquiry into the antecedents of Currien has developed the fact that the prisoner is not a madman, but a fanatic, holding ideas of a violent nature. He is known to have frequented meetings of Anarchists at Lille and Roubaix.

ROME, November 17th.

The *Diretto* says: It is stated that the Vatican has consented to appoint a Nuncio to the United States, in accordance with the wishes of the American Bishops now in Rome. The *Diretto* expresses the opinion that the American Congress will approve such appointment.

CAIRO, November 17th.

A syndicate of banks, represented by the Anglo-Egyptian Banking Company, has offered to provide the capital necessary to construct a new canal across the Isthmus, if the Government will undertake to build it.

MEXICO, *via* Galveston, November 17th.

The San Fernando Cotton Factory, in Tlaxpam, near here, was destroyed by fire. Five operatives were burned. Loss, $600,000.

Congress has found a true bill against Governor Castella, in Vera Cruz, for abuse of power while Prefect of Cordoba, four years ago.

HAVANA, November, 17th.

There were eighteen deaths from yellow fever during the past week. There has been a larger proportion of cases among the shipping than usual at this season, probably owing to the continuance of hot, damp weather.

CAIRO, November 18th.

A letter from Jeddah, dated the 13th instant, confirms the report of the death of Commander Moncrieff and the annihilation of the Egyptain force which he accompanied. The force of 500 men landed at Toka, and were cut to pieces. Only fourteen men escaped. On the 12th, rebels attacked Suakim, but were repulsed. A panic, however, set in, and the inhabitants, at last advices, were flying to Jeddah. The convict station at Toka is in the hands of the rebels. It is stated that another Egyptian tribe has revolted at Senna. The situation has become extremely critical. Either Hicks Pasha, Commander of the Egyptian troops, must retire, or a strong contingent from Sir Evelyn Wood's army must start forthwith to the scene of operations. The whole movement is due to slave traders in Upper Egypt, who profess to act in the name of Mahdi, the False Prophet.

LONDON, November 18th.

The British steamer *Condor*, from Liverpool, sank off Minden, Holland, to-day, during a violent storm. Eighteen pesons were lost, including the engineers, who were killed by the bursting of the boiler. Eight were saved.

The steamer *Hymethus* was wrecked off the coast of Holland. Ten of her crew were rescued.

GENOA, November 18th.

The German Crown Prince arrived at Genoa at midnight.

LONDON, November 18th.

The *Observer* says there is reason to believe that the result of the interview between De Lesseps and English ship-owners on the Suez Canal matter, has been to leave the latter under the impression that the points of view from which they respectively regard the question, differ too fundamentally to allow of any possibility of mutual agreement.

BERLIN, November 18th.

The Crown Prince Frederick William takes as a present to King Alfonso a bronze statuette of the Great Elector.

ST. PETERSBURG, November 18th.

A special number of *The Will of the People*, the Nihilists' paper, states that agrarian troubles in Southern Russia are increasing, owing to the deplorable state of the rural populace and the conflicts between peasants and landlords calling for military intervention frequently.

LONDON, November 18th.

De Lesseps, speaking at Manchester last night, said he had received from the engineers of the Panama Canal, assurances that the Canal would be open in five years.

VIENNA, November 19th.

The fragments of rock dividing the eastern and western galleries in the Arlberg Tunnel were removed to-day in the presence of a notable assembly. The Austrian Minister of Commerce delivered an address in German and Italian. There was much enthusiasm. A special train passed through the tunnel.

PARIS, November 19th.

Negotiations upon the Tonquin question have been resumed. The Chamber of Deputies are debating the Budget.

Challemel Lacour has resigned the office of Minister of Foreign Affairs on account of ill health. Prime Minister Ferry is appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs and Fallieres, Minister of Public Instruction, succeeds Ferry.

MAILS EXPECTED.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The O. & O. steamer *Arabic*, with the mail American mail, left San Francisco on the 1st instant, and is due here on the 30th.

To-day's Advertisements.

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The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1883.

ALTHOUGH we have considered it our duty to the public to frequently criticise adversely the public acts and political career of the honourable the Surveyor General of this colony, we have never refused to pay a just tribute to Mr. PRICE's undoubted talents. In a government service which includes men of such tried ability as Dr. STEWART and Mr. Justice RUSSELL, we have not hesitated to publish our honest conviction that Mr. JOHN MACNEILE PRICE towered head and shoulders above all his compeers. As a matter of fact, we have for a long time considered that this accomplished colonial servant's transcendant abilities were wasted on the desert air of such a place as Hongkong, and once suggested in these columns that if by any possible means he could be conveniently translated to the Suez Canal, or some other gigantic undertaking of world wide interest requiring a genius to direct its destinies, it would be greatly to the benefit not only of the Suez Canal, and the world at large, but also to Hongkong and its community. It is quite possible to have too much genius and ability in a comparatively subordinate position, and while we felt that the vast experience and priceless services of the Surveyor General should not be altogether lost to the British Government, we were of opinion that a less brilliant master of modern politics, but a more practical maker and mender of roads, bridges, buildings, sea-walls, waterworks, tramways, harbours of refuge, &c., &c., would answer equally well the requirements of this community. Mr. PRICE certainly is entitled to great credit for the perseverance, the fertility of resource, the never ceasing watchfulness, the audacity, and, above all, the consummate skill and ability which he displayed in his guerilla warfare against Governor HENNESSY some two years ago, and no greater monument could be raised in evidence of all these than by simply pointing to the very tangible amount of success which attended the honorable gentleman's campaign in England. Admitting that the bitterest of POPE HENNESSY's many opponents never allowed any inconvenient scruples to interfere with his plan of battle, we cannot avoid acknowledging the cleverness which, against the combined talents, influence and position of one of the ablest of modern diplomatists, fairly held its own. And that Mr. PRICE's hand has in no way lost its cunning is clearly proved by his latest public act.

In our yesterday's issue we made some reference to certain proceedings illustrating how folly will constantly place itself in the foremost rank, to be seen and talked about; we have now to give an instance of how wisdom, or cunning, or diplomacy, stands quietly in the background and steps in at the right moment to take advantage of folly's blunders. It may be worth while to remark, merely to prevent misunderstanding, that we have no wish to argue that wisdom and cunning are synonymous terms, although they are coupled in the preceding sentence. As GREVILLE puts it, we take cunning for a sinister or crooked wisdom, and there is certainly a great difference between a cunning man and a wise man, not only in point of honesty but in point of ability. When the Honourable FRANCIS BULKELEY JOHNSON used his paramount influence to obtain a sufficient amount of subscriptions among his friends and those dependent on his friendship to pay the legal costs of Mr. PRICE's recent *private* prosecution of the Editor of the *Hongkong Telegraph*, he must have known—or as a public man, member of the Legislative Council, resident head of the firm of JARDINE, MATHESON and Co., consul for Hawaii and several other countries if we mistake not, and moving spirit in various public institutions such as the China and Luzon Sugar Refineries, he is far more ignorant than we take him to be—that the Hongkong Government could not allow the Surveyor General to accept one cent from the public for any such purpose. If Mr. BULKELEY JOHNSON was not aware of this, it is perfectly certain that Mr. PRICE was, and this is the really clever manner in which the Surveyor General gets himself out of a false position, and makes a virtue of necessity:—

Public Works Department,
Hongkong, 18th December, 1883.

My dear Sir—I desire to tender my grateful acknowledgments to you, and through yourself to the large number of gentlemen who have been good enough to address me in the terms of the letter which you forwarded to me yesterday.

Conscious that I have never been actuated except by a strict sense of duty in all my official acts during the ten years that I have devoted to the public service of the colony, and that in the administration of the Department with which I have the honour to be connected, I have always endeavoured to do the best for the interests of the public, according to my abilities, whatever these may be worth, it has been very gratifying to me to find that so important a portion of my fellow colonists should have given no credence to the imputations of unworthy motives so persistently made by private malice in connection with nearly every act of my official life, and that their confidence in my personal character and in my ability to continue usefully serving the colony, should have remained unshaken. It is a great honour to a Government servant to be the recipient of a public testimonial couched in the language of the one you have been good enough to transmit to me. I am very sensible of that honour, and find it difficult to express adequately my appreciation of the kindly feeling that has prompted this manifestation of good will on the part of so many whose opinions I estimate so highly. I need scarcely add that the document will be valued by me as the pleasantest memorial of my life in China.

Although it is true that in the position I was recently called upon to take I was discharging a public duty, I do not consider that on this account I have any claim upon the public, and I trust therefore that I may not appear ungrateful, or that I may not hurt the susceptibilities of my friends, if I do not avail myself of their most generous proposal to defray the cost of the recent legal proceedings. So practical a proof of the genuineness of their sympathy, though it may not be abused by me, adds none the less to the heavy obligation under which I must always remain to those kind and generous members of the community who have favoured me on this occasion with their confidence and support, and I must once more solicit your good offices to convey to them this expression of my heartfelt thanks.—Believe me, my dear Sir, yours very faithfully,

J. M. PRICE,
Surveyor-General.

The Hon. F. Bulkeley Johnson, M.L.C.,
&c., &c., &c.

The great game of life, in politics as in everything else, is like a game at cards; the player who holds the winning hand can afford to laugh at his antagonists. Mr. PRICE, with every possible advantage on his side, fought out to the bitter end what he, by his own action, made a war to the knife; he fell into the very common mistake of counting his chickens before they were hatched, and made no provision for the stunning reverse which awaited him. Although the verdict of the special jury practically made the acquittal of Mr. FRASER-SMITH the conviction of Mr. JOHN MACNEILE PRICE, and holding as we did the winning cards in our own hands, we have had no desire to press with undue harshness on an opponent who placed his fate in the hands of a jury of his own countrymen, selected by himself, and lost the cast of the die. Even now, in the face of the Surveyor-General's attempt to make himself a martyr in the eyes of the public, we are disposed to pity a beaten adversary, notwithstanding the contemptible expedients he resorts to in what we presume is meant to be his vindication for his recent profitless prosecution. If Mr. PRICE will ask his learned and accomplished legal friend, JOHN JOSEPH FRANCIS, Esquire, barrister-at-law, &c., &c., &c., that ornament to an honorable profession will inform him that when, in the above letter, he imputed "private malice" to the criticisms of his official acts which have appeared in this journal, he laid himself open to a criminal prosecution or an action at law for libel, which, as a matter of law and justice, must have been decided against him. We desire to be exceptionally lenient to the honourable gentleman, or we should quote his sworn evidence at the recent trial on this same question of private malice. But we can afford to be generous, and for the present we are disposed to allow Mr. PRICE plenty of rope.

The honourable the Surveyor General, taking his cue from the honourable the Member for JARDINE's, wishes it to be assumed it was true, nay more, positively asserts that it was true, that in the recent prosecution for libel, the position he was called upon to take was in discharge of a public duty. We defy the honourable the Surveyor General, we defy the honourable FRANCIS BULKELEY JOHNSON, we defy each and all of their adherents and supporters, to show what was the duty to the public the Surveyor General was discharging when he took criminal proceedings to defend his own private character. The honorable gentleman further desires not to appear ungrateful, or to in any way hurt the susceptibilities of his friends, but *or he has no claim on the public on account of having been mulcted in heavy damages in discharging a public duty*, he cannot avail himself of their most generous proposal to defray the cost of the recent legal proceedings. What does all this actually mean? Humbug, pure and simple. Mr. J. M. PRICE knows perfectly well that no servant of Her Majesty's Government would be allowed, under such circumstances, to accept money from members of the community for discharging any public duty, and he would occupy a much better position before the public at the present moment had he frankly explained *the true situation, instead of endeavoring* to make a virtue out of a necessity. It is, of course, quite possible that Mr. PRICE's spirit of manliness would have revolted against being made the recipient of Mr. BULKELEY JOHNSON's bountiful consideration—we are purposely avoiding offensive expressions—and in view of the dignity of his position we can only regret that he did not in straightforward fashion, whilst declining the favors offered, state that he could not, even if he desired, accept the substantial sum subscribed.

When the honourable Mr. PRICE is translated to another and more congenial sphere—as we sincerely hope and have every reason to believe will shortly be the case—he can rest assured that his name and fame will remain green in Hongkong for many years. Besides the famous libel prosecution, the Surveyor-General's name is indelibly associated with too many well known works of magnitude to be easily forgotten. His decided triumph over Governor HENNESSY in London, the wonderful letter on Tramways, our favorite "white elephant" the breakwater, the reclamation of that unsavoury locality Causeway Bay, the magnificent wall in front of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank's property in Garden Road, the removal of the temporary lazarette from Stonecutters' Island to Tytam Tuk and its deplorable results, that splendid monument of engineering skill, the Tytam Water-works, the useful and ornamental road from the Government offices to—Heaven knows where, the wonderful improvements made in the colony's imperfect drainage system during his ten years of active service—these and many other great and glorious undertakings will, no doubt, perpetuate Mr. PRICE's memory for evermore, and they ought also to be the pleasantest memorial of his life in China.

Justice without power is impotent; power without justice is tyrannical. Holding the power in our own hands, we have endeavored to be strictly just; justice alone has placed in our hands the power we hold. We had no wish to engage in further newspaper controversy with our late antagonist; the differences still unsettled must be finally decided elsewhere. But in the face of Mr. BULKELEY JOHNSON's amusing address and Mr. PRICE's still more amusing reply, in self-defence we were compelled to enter the arena. It is really difficult, after the most careful consideration, to explain what was actually intended by Mr. BULKELEY JOHNSON when he started his address and subscription list; but we are charitably disposed to believe that the honourable gentleman acted in ignorance, and unthinkingly. By this time, presuming our assumption to be correct, it must have dawned upon Mr. JOHNSON's intelligence, giving him credit for possessing that commodity, that acting in ignorance and without thinking is very much like a man shooting at a target without taking aim. In this instance, that has been the exact result of this latest public demonstration.

TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, 20th December.

REINFORCEMENTS FOR HONGKONG.

The steamship *Hankow* has sailed for Hongkong with 900 British reinforcements.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE French gunboat *Lutin* arrived this morning from Canton. The *Volta* has remained there to protect French interests.

WE beg to call attention to the bazaar in aid of the Chinese orphans under the care of the French Sisters at Wanchai to be held at the City Hall to-morrow, at 2 p.m. The Band of the *Victorieuse* will play on the occasion.

A SHOCKING occurrence, resulting in the death of three Chinese gamblers—who were pursued by the police—by a fall or a jump of some 50 feet from the upper verandah of a house in Queen's Road West took place yesterday evening. Pressure on our columns prevents our giving particulars to-day. Full details will be given to-morrow.

PROFESSOR and Clara Baldwin, the well-known thought readers and spirit exposers, now on a tour through the Far East, will shortly visit Hongkong. From a copy of the Ceylon *Times* we observe that a series of entertainments given at Colombo attracted large audiences, and proved in every way most successful. The Ceylon paper speaks most highly of these performances.

AN ordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the Club Lusitano was held in the Club yesterday evening when the following office bearers were elected for the ensuing year:—Mr. J. A. dos Remedios, President; Mr. M. C. do Rozario, Vice-president; Mr. J. P. da Costa, Hon. Secretary, re-elected; Committee:—Mr. C. Danenberg, Treasurer; Messrs. A. P. Guterres, A. F. Alves, and F. J. V. Jorge, and Messrs. J. C. dos Remedios, and A. A. Eça da Silva, Auditors.

THE Lotus troupe repeated "Patience" at the Theatre Royal, City Hall, last evening, to a fairly good house. The performance went off very pleasantly, many of the melodies being encored. The company will appear in "La Mascotte" tomorrow evening, by command of His Excellency Sir George Ferguson Bowen, when they will have the assistance of a number of our most talented amateurs. To-morrow evening's performance will doubtless be the best performed piece of the season, and we anticipate the presence of a large and fashionable audience.

AT the Regular Meeting of Victoria Lodge, No. 1,026, held last night, the following officers were installed for the ensuing year:—

W. M.		Bro. W. H. RAY.
S. W.		„ R. K. LEIGH.
J. W.		„ COOMBS.
Treasurer	...	„ C. S. GOODWYN.
Secretary	...	„ A. O'D. GOURDIN.
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D. C.		„ R. STEIL.
Steward		„ J. I. HUGHES.
Inner Guard	..	„ H. NEWNHAM DAVIS.
Tyler		„ J. R. GRIMBLE.

WILL ABBOTT, a blue-jacket belonging to H.M.S. *Daring*, was up before Captain Thomsett this morning charged with drunkenness, disorderly conduct, and assaulting a peace officer. Abbott, it appears, was kicking up a deuce of a noise in an eating-house in Queen's Road Central at half past ten last night. Constable Mann was called in to remove William, who, indignant at being requested to shift his pivot, went for Mann, and let him have sundry fisters in the pectoral region. The constable thereupon collared the jolly "Tar" and ran him in. To mark his sense of the disgrace cast on the British naval service by such conduct, his Worship, who is a distinguished naval officer himself, fined Abbott three Mexicans or seven days' short commons. William paid up like a man, and departed with a broad grin on his jovial countenance, probably to take up his spree at the point where stern necessity, in the shape of constable Mann, forced him to temporarily suspend it.

A MARINE belonging to the United States man-of-war *Juniata*, named John Meakwin, went into Colonel Mosby's office at the American Consulate yesterday morning in a muddled condition and requested to see the Consul on private business. The Colonel, after a few words with the man, left him and went upstairs, not wishing, we suppose, to be bothered with a tipsy customer. It appears then, according to the evidence of the shipping clerk at the Consulate, Mr. Carneiro, that the marine said to the latter, "Tell Colonel Mosby that he had better put his revolver in his pocket as some one will shoot him." By the Consul's direction, Mr. Carneiro gave the man into custody on a charge of drunkenness and behaving in a disorderly manner at the Consulate.—The marine said he went there to look for a letter, and the Consul would not listen to him, but told him to get away. The shipping clerk then drew him into a "blarney" when he would have otherwise made himself scarce, and while in conversation with him, a police officer appeared on the scene and ran him in, to his infinite disgust. He had been imbibing, undoubtedly, but was not disorderly, and he would not have been in the dock were it not for the shipping clerk detaining him for a confab. Captain Thomsett, not deeming the jolly marine was actuated with any blood-thirsty intentions towards the gallant Colonel, let him off with a fine of a Mexican.

WAI ACHEUNG, the house-boy who committed the dastardly assault on Mrs. Fincham on the 13th instant, and robbed her of her jewellery, was up again this morning at the Police Court before Mr. Wodehouse, when the following further evidence was taken:—Dr. William Hartigan said he was a medical practitioner practising in the colony, and was at present the medical attendant of Mrs. Fincham, who was too unwell to admit of her being able to come to Court to give evidence. He would, therefore, ask for a further remand of one week. He was aware of the great public importance attaching to Mrs. Fincham giving her evidence at the earliest possible moment, while the facts were still fresh in her memory, but did not consider she could be safely confronted with the prisoner in her present state of health, as she was still suffering from severe nervous shock and prostration.—Chan Kam, accountant in the Ki Shan pawnshop, deposed that the prisoner came to the shop on the 13th instant at noon, and offered the pair of gold bangles in Court in pawn. Witness advanced $117 on the bangles. Prisoner returned the same day at 5 p.m. and said that what he had pawned was not enough, and he then offered the diamond ring in Court, upon which witness advanced $25.50. Prisoner told him that the articles were his own property, gave his name as Wai Acheung, and said he was a business man. That was not the first time he had seen the prisoner, as he came to the shop on the 6th inst. and pawned the pencil case in Court for $6.70. He said the pencil case belonged to him, and that he used it in taking memos on board of steamers. He had never pawned anything else at the shop. At this stage the case was remanded to the 28th instant, at 10 a.m. The prostitute who is accused of receiving a portion of the stolen property was alongside the prisoner in the dock, but her case was not gone into. We observe from the depositions that when the male prisoner was convicted of stealing a pair of his master's (Mr. J. H. Cox) stockings on the 28th November 1881, the Magistrate, in addition to sending him up for 14 days, with hard labour, directed his wages to be forfeited.

WE have to acknowledge receipt of a tastefully got up calendar from Messrs. A. S. Watson and Co. of the Hongkong Dispensary.

THE Regular annual meeting of the District Grand Lodge of Hongkong and South China will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, this evening, at 8 for 8.30 precisely.

WILLIAM WARWICK, a foreman at the Tytam Water Works, was fined two dollars this morning by Captain Thomsett for striking a Chinese fireman at the works on the back with his walking stick. Defendant admitted the assault, but pleaded provocation.

SZ ACHI, aged 16, servant to a gentleman staying at the Club Lusitano, was charged by the steward of the Club this morning before Captain Thomsett with stealing a silver plated tea spoon valued at a dollar, the property of the Club. The steward saw the defendant going into a room with a coat under his arm, and, missing the spoon, asked him if he had it. He said no, but on searching the coat the steward found the spoon concealed in it. Captain Thomsett remanded the case for the production of the defendant's master, who was ordered to be subpœnaed.

THE London *Law Journal* raises a curious point concerning the Channel tunnel. It is quite possible, it is argued, for the tunnel to be made in the face of the distinct refusal of Parliament to sanction its construction. If the tunnel is bored from the French side "the soil of the tunnel as it progressed would be French," and unless Parliament expressly prohibited its construction by confiscating the property of the Company on English soil when the foreshore is reached, the tunnel would be bored, notwithstanding the absence of any Parliamentary sanction. Thus, it argues, "the real question before the committee will be whether Parliament should refuse sanction, now that it is asked for, at the risk of the tunnel being made in the future without any sanction being asked." If this view of the law is correct, then if Parliament decides that it is contrary to public policy to allow the tunnel to be made, it ought to follow up its refusal to sanction the pending schemes by a brief Act expressly forbidding the construction of any such tunnel until such time as the approval of Parliament shall have been had and obtained.

A CONSIDERABLE amount of dissatisfaction has existed since the recent regatta anent the result of the contest for the Junior sculls. It will be remembered that the prize was awarded to Glass, who was fouled by both Cornish and Grimble. Opinions varied as to how the race would have ended had the fouls not taken place, and we gave it as our opinion that Glass would have won by a couple of hundred yards had he not been interfered with. There were many "sports" in the colony who thought that Grimble, who came in first in the race, was the superior of Glass in an outrigger, and that opinion was also held by Grimble himself. The question of superiority was settled this morning in a very sportsmanlike manner, Glass and Grimble having arranged to scull over the course for "love," to decide the knotty point. Shortly after six this morning a small party of rowing men assembled at the boat house and took passage in a steam launch for the scene of action, Glass and Grimble paddling over to the starting post. After a brief delay the men were got into position and sent off to an excellent start. The race requires but little description, as Glass led from start to finish and won by twelve lengths, having covered the distance in seven minutes five seconds. Grimble steered wretchedly, and almost ran into Glass after a few strokes had been pulled, crossing from the inside position right across the stern of Glass' boat and taking an extreme outside course. His bad steering, however, had nothing to do with the result of the race, as the brawny Scotchman had the foot of him the whole of the way, and will always beat him in wager boats whenever they meet, if both men are in rowing condition. We are much pleased that the little matter was settled in such a friendly and thoroughly sporting fashion, and are quite certain that Glass will now cherish his well won cup far more than he would have done had he been only able to show it as a trophy won on a foul.

THE RE-CONSTITUTED LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The following letters, dealing with the question of the nomination by the Bench of Justices of the Peace and the Chamber of Commerce of candidates for the new seats in the Legislative Council, are published for general information in a special issue of the *Government Gazette*, circulated last night:—

COLONIAL SECRETARY TO SENIOR POLICE MAGISTRATE.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 20th December, 1883.

Sir,—You are already aware that upon the Governor's recommendation, as approved by Her Majesty the Queen, certain changes will be made in the constitution of the Legislative Council, and that for the future one Un-official Member of that body will, as a general rule, be appointed on the nomination of the Justices of the Peace.

As it is the intention of His Excellency to summon the re-constituted Council to meet for the despatch of business as soon as Her Majesty's Order giving effect to the reform already approved has been received, it is desirable that the nomination of a Member by the Justices should be made at an early period.

His Excellency is advised that you, as the Senior Police Magistrate, are the proper Officer to convene and preside at a meeting of the Justices for that purpose.

You are, therefore, directed to convene a meeting of the Justices at an early date, and at some convenient place, and to invite them then and there to make their choice, and to return to me for submission to His Excellency the name of the Justice nominated.

His Excellency is advised that, in the absence of rules guiding the Justices in a matter of this nature, you should observe in conducting the proceedings the following rules, based on Parliamentary practice in England:—

1.—The name of every Candidate will be proposed in writing by one Justice, and seconded by another.

2.—No Justice will give more than one vote.

3.—The voting will be by ballot.

4.—The name of every Justice voting will be recorded.

5.—The ballot boxes will be opened and the votes counted in the presence of the Justices present.

6.—Candidates, as such, are not disqualified from voting.

7.—In case two or more Candidates having the largest number of votes, should have an equal number of votes, their names will be submitted to another ballot.

8.—As to any other matters connected with the order of proceeding, you will be guided by the wishes of the majority of the Justices present.

9.—The return should be accompanied, for the Governor's information, by:—

1.—A copy of the notice convening the meeting.

2.—A list of the Justices present at the meeting.

3.—A list of the Candidates with the names of their proposers and seconders.

4.—A list of voters.

5.—A statement of the number of votes given for each Candidate.—I have the honour to be, Sir, Your most obedient Servant,

W. H. MARSH,
Colonial Secretary.

The Senior Police Magistrate, Hongkong.

COLONIAL SECRETARY TO CHAIRMAN OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 20th December, 1883.

Sir,—You are already aware that upon the Governor's recommendation, as approved by Her Majesty the Queen, certain changes will be made in the constitution of the Legislative Council, and that for the future one Un-official Member of that body will, as a general rule, be appointed on the nomination of the Chamber of Commerce.

As it is the intention of His Excellency to summon the re-constituted Council to meet for the despatch of business, so soon as Her Majesty's Order giving formal effect to the reform already approved has been received, it is desirable that the nomination of a Member by the Chamber of Commerce should be made at an early period.

You are, therefore, as Chairman, requested to convene a meeting of the Chamber at an early date, and to invite the Members to make their choice in the manner prescribed by the regulations of the Chamber, and to return to me, for submission to His Excellency, the name of the Member nominated.

The return should be accompanied, for the Governor's information, by:—

(1.) A copy of the notice convening the meeting.

(2.) A list of the Members present at the meeting.

(3.) A list of the Candidates with the names of their proposers and seconders.

(4.) A list of voters.

(5.) A statement of the number of votes given for each Candidate.—I have the honour to be, Sir, Your most obedient Servant,

W. H. MARSH,
Colonial Secretary.

The Chairman of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.

CRICKET.

FOOCHOW v. HONGKONG.
(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

FOOCHOW, 19th December, 1883.

This interesting match was commenced on Monday morning and continued yesterday. As the *Breconshire* is shortly leaving for your port I can do little more than give the bare results of the game up to the call of "time" last night. Foochow went first to the wickets and ran up the respectable total of 189 runs, Stewart (92) Sanderson (31) Woodley (23) and Phipps (16) distinguishing themselves most. Hendry was the most successful bowler for the Hongkong team, securing 7 wickets for 50 runs, a really capital performance under the circumstances. The fielding was good all round, but there were several mistakes made, and Stewart especially was missed twice—fairly easy chances. The wickets fell in the following order:—one for 1, 2 for 31, 3 for 102, 4 for 140, 5 for 161, 6 for 163, 7 for 186, and 8, 9, and 10 for 189. Hongkong commenced badly, Rice being clean bowled for 5 with the total at 7. Jarrett and Dauglish ran up the score to 45 when the former was run out, and Porter, who followed, was sent back for a "duck." Hendry made a bit of a stand, scoring 17 before falling to a catch by Lowder off Stewart, Dauglish also being caught by Woodley off the same bowler for a very useful 31. When stumps were drawn for the night the telegraph showed 72 for 5 wickets.

On resuming play on Tuesday, Lloyd was clean bowled by Clyma's first ball and Davies also succumbed in the same over, neither of these players having scored. Hawkins and Scoones made a long stand before the first named was run out, after having compiled 21 in good form. Sam Hughes showed unexpected ability in putting up the 15. Hawkins before falling to a good ball from Clyma had made 37, the top score of the innings, by correct cricket, the innings closed for 163, the Hongkong men thus being in a minority of 26 runs.

The Foochow eleven commenced their second innings immediately after tiffin and when stumps were drawn for the day had totalled 136 runs for the loss of 5 wickets, Sanderson heading the poll with a neat 31.

The present state of the game is as under:—

FOOCHOW.

	First Innings.		Second Innings.
Mr. Stewart, b Hendry	92	c Davies, b Hendry	31
Mr. Sanderson, c Dauglish	31	c and b Porter	21
Mr. Woodley, c Hendry, b Porter	23	c Davies, b Lloyd	15
Mr. Phipps, b Hendry	16	c Davies, b Hendry	0
Mr. Bailey, c Hendry, b Porter	9	not out	9
Mr. Christian, b Rice	4	c Porter, b Hendry	0
Mr. King, b Hendry	0	b Hendry	0
Mr. Rogers not out	9		
Mr. Lowder, c and b Hendry	0		
Mr. Clyma, c Hendry, b Porter	0		
Extras	5		19
	189		136

HONGKONG.

Mr. H. G. Rice, b Stewart	5
Lieut. G. V. Dauglish, c Woodley, b Stewart	31
Lieut. H. H. Dr. Jarrett, run out	20
Mr. C. Porter, c Phipps, b Clyma	0
Mr. W. A. Hendry, c Phipps, b Clyma	17
Mr. C. P. Lloyd, b Clyma	0
Mr. F. B. Davies, b Clyma	0
Mr. W. H. Hawkins, b Clyma	37
Mr. C. Scoones, c Phipps, b Clyma	21
Mr. S. Hughes, c Phipps, b Clyma	15
Mr. D. W. Cousin, not out	0
Extras	17
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The Hongkong Telegraph.

No. 593. FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1883. SIX DOLLARS PER QUARTER.

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NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

(CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....$1,000,000.)

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WOO LIN YUEN,
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1882. [106

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PERMANENT RESERVE.....Tls. 230,000.00
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RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 25th May, 1883. [85

GENERAL NOTICE.

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HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.
Hongkong, 1st September, 1882. [670

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ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
Hongkong, 3rd November, 1883. [827

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A SECOND and FINAL BONUS of Five per cent. on Contributions and a DIVIDEND of EIGHTEEN DOLLARS and TWENTY-NINE CENTS per SHARE for the year 1882, will be Payable on MONDAY, the 22nd instant.

Warrants may be had on application at the Office of the Society on and after that date.

By Order of the Board,
DOUGLAS JONES,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 22nd October, 1883. [794

To be Let.

TO LET.

THE PREMISES now occupied by us, No. 11, Queen's Road Central.

For further Particulars, apply to Messrs. RUSSELL & Co.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.
Hongkong, 1st August, 1883. [607

TO LET.

"BISNEE VILLA," Pokfoolum, Furnished, No. 258, PRAYA CENTRAL.

Apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
Hongkong, 17th December, 1883. [7

TO LET.

OFFICES and COMPRADORE'S QUARTERS in MARINE HOUSE, No. 17, HOLLYWOOD ROAD, now occupied by Messrs. FRAMJEE HORMUSJEE & Co. Possession 16th January, 1884.

Apply to
E. R. BELILIOS.
Hongkong, 15th December, 1883. [934

TO LET.

TWO ROOMS at No. 11, YEE WO STREET, East Point. For Particulars, enquire on the Premises.
Hongkong, 7th December, 1883. [914

INTIMATION.

SIGNOR ANTONIO CATTANEO, of the CONSERVATOIRE DE BERGAMO and late of the ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA COMPANY has the honor to inform the community that he has arranged to remain in Hongkong, and will give lessons in Music, Singing and the Pianoforte.

CHARGES STRICTLY MODERATE.

Address—Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, Queen's Road.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1883. [168

For Sale.

CHRISTMAS, 1883.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received, and have now on view,

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF
CHRISTMAS DELICACIES,
ARTICLES SUITABLE FOR PRESENTS, AND
FANCY GOODS,
Comprising:—

REAL TURTLE SOUP.
SALMON CUTLETS.
KIPPERED SALMON.
HERRINGS A LA SARDINES.
SARDINES AU CITRON.
HERRINGS IN WHITE WINE.
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FRENCH TRUFFLES.
ASSORTED ENGLISH PATTIES.
PATE DE FOIE GRAS.
TRUFFLED CHICKENS IN JELLY.
FRENCH TINNED LARKS.
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ASPARAGUS.
PETITS POIS.
CHAMPIGNONS.
PUDDING & SULTANA RAISINS.
PEEL FOR MINCEMEAT.
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CHRISTMAS CAKES.
PLUM PUDDINGS.
RIPE STILTONS.
PORT DU SALUT CHEESE.
GRUYERE CHEESE.
GORGONZOLA CHEESE.
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BONBONS & DRAJEES.
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FRENCH CHOCOLATES.
NEWEST COSAQUES & CRACKERS.
FRENCH & ENGLISH TOYS.
MECHANICAL TOYS.
ELECTRIC TOYS.
FRENCH & ENGLISH DOLLS.
OUT-DOOR GAMES.
XMAS. & NEW YEAR CARDS.
JEWEL CASES.
FANCY PIPES & CIGAR TUBES.
FITTED TRAVELLING BAGS.
WORK BAGS & BASKETS.
PERFUME CASES.
NEW EMBOSSED STATUARY.
AFTERNOON TEA SERVICES.
TETE-A-TETE SETS.
CHINA FIGURES & VASES.
DUPLEX LAMPS IN NEWEST DESIGNS.
CHILDREN'S ANNUALS.
PRESENTATION BOOKS.
CABINET & SCRAP ALBUMS.
MENU & GUEST CARDS.
OSLER'S ARTISTIC CHINA & GLASSWARE.
FLOWER BRACKETS & BASKETS.
PRETTY TEA & COFFEE SETS.
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TABLE DECORATIONS, LATEST DESIGNS & SHADES.
A HANDSOME DRAWING ROOM FOUNTAIN.
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COFFEE & TEA SERVICES.
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FLOWER & FRUIT STANDS.
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DESSERT SETS.
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LEMOINE'S VIN BRUT CHAMPAGNE.
SPARKLING MOSELLE.
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BURGUNDIES.
HOCKS.
LIQUEUR BRANDIES & WHISKIES.
LIQUEURS.
&c., &c., &c.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, 3rd December, 1883. [902

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KOCH & Co.,
Nos. 15 & 17, POTTINGER STREET.
THE LATEST NOVELTY OUT.

AUTOMATIC WATER FOUNTAINS.

COME AND SEE, AND SATISFY YOURSELVES.

THE latest invention of the age; suitable for Parlour, Drawing Room or Conservatory. No Smell! No Smoke! No Danger!!! These WATER FOUNTAINS are the result of a long series of scientific experiments only just arrived at the acme of perfection. The motor power consists of a miniature engine propelled by hot air generated by a spirit lamp. The force of the engine is sufficient to raise a jet of water several feet in the air, being regulated, as far as ten feet, by the raising or lowering of the flame of the lamp. It takes but a few minutes to set the machine in motion. No special attention required, save to trim the lamp once in 24 hours. The Fountains are of tasteful design, and are arranged for the reception of aquatic plants, or an aquarium, to suit the pleasure of the possessor, and are made as strong and durable as iron, glass, and wood can make them. Will last a lifetime and cannot get out of order. Call and Satisfy Yourselves.

KOCH & Co.,
Nos. 15 & 17, Pottinger Street.
Hongkong, 11th December, 1883. [923

FOR SALE.

GOOD BORDEAUX CLARET in Cases of 1 doz. Quarts at.....$3.50.
WOLFE SCHIEDAM SCHNAPPS in Cases of 12 Bottles at.....$6.00.

ALSO,

Some PRIME HOLLAND JENEVER in Stone Bottles, and some POMERANZEN BITTERS.

Double Barreled Breech Loading GUNS, RIFLES, REVOLVERS, CARTRIDGES and SHOT, &c., &c., &c.

Very Fresh ITALIAN CONDENSED MILK in Cases of 4 Dozens, at $6.50 per Case.

J. F. SCHEFFER,
21 and 23, Pottinger Street.
Hongkong, 16th November, 1883. [842

Intimations.

SAYLE & CO.'S
SHOW-ROOMS.
FOR CHRISTMAS.

LADIES' COMPANIONS.
JEWEL CASES.
INK STANDS.
FANCY PHOTO FRAMES.
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SCENT CASES.
Large Bottles of the Best EAU DE COLOGNE.
CARVED BRACKETS.
WORK BOXES. WRITING CASES.
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DOLLS, DRUMS, PUZZLES.

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MECHANICAL ROLLERS.
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SILK HANDKERCHIEFS.
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FUR TIPPETS.
FUR LINED CLOAKS.
FUR MUFFS.
COLLARS & CUFFS.
NEW FRILLINGS, &c., &c., &c.

SAYLE & CO.,
VICTORIA EXCHANGE, HONGKONG.
Hongkong, 21st December, 1883. [730

XMAS!! XMAS!! XMAS!!!

ROSE & CO.
ARE SHOWING TOYS,
AND LATEST NOVELTIES IN
FANCY GOODS,
FROM PARIS,
EX LAST FRENCH MAIL.
31 & 33, QUEEN'S ROAD.
Hongkong, 8th December, 1883. [716

KELLY & WALSH.

ARE NOW SHEWING THEIR NEW SEASON'S GOODS SUITABLE FOR
CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

TARANTULA Spirit Sets in Oak and Walnut, Nickel Mounted and Cut Glass Bottles.
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Plush and Walnut Glove and Handkerchief Boxes.
Very Handsome Wortley Writing Cabinets, completely fitted.
Vienna Work Baskets and Card Receivers, Satin lined and embroidered.
Powerful Mahogany Graphoscopes.
Combination Aneroids and Time Pieces.
Fitted Ladies' and Gentlemens' Dressing Cases.
New Designs in Photo and Scrap Albums.
Plush Wall Brackets and Wall Pockets.
Photo Frames in Plush, Velvet, Ormolu, Onyx, &c.
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ALL THE NEW BOOKS OF THE SEASON, INCLUDING,

Boy's Own Annual.
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A Small Selection of Magnificently bound Books for Presentation.
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KELLY & WALSH—HONGKONG.
Hongkong, 11th December, 1883. [566

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WALL POCKETS & HANDBASKETS trimmed with Chinelle Gold Lace & Velvet.
A New Stock of LADIES' HAND BAGS in Plush, Satin, Russia and Morocco Leathers.
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PLUSH GOODS.—New Designs in Writing Cases, Ladies Companions, fitted, Blotting Books, Photograph Cases, Large Promenade Photo Frames, &c.
WOOD GOODS.—Oak Writing Desks, Walnut Writing Desks, Workboxes and Inkstands.
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CHRISTMAS CARDS!
A VERY FINE LOT JUST RECEIVED.
LETTS' DIARIES! RUDDY OLD BLOCK! NEW MECHANICAL TOYS!

W. BREWER,
QUEEN'S ROAD.
Hongkong, 5th December, 1883. [784

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LADIES' PLUSH, &c., Work and Scent Boxes.
LADIES' and GENTS' DRESSING CASES.
LADIES' BOOTS and SHOES, and GENTS' BOOTS.
IVORY, PLUSH and LEATHER NOTE BOOKS.
NICKEL PLATED LABELS for DECANTERS.
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Assorted kinds of CRYSTALLIZED FRUITS.
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And a variety of other articles very suitable for
CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR PRESENTS.

NOVELTY STORE.
Hongkong, 19th December, 1883. [732

Notices of Firms.

GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

FROM To-day's Date I have taken over the MANAGEMENT of this Company's Station at Hongkong.

IWAN BERNER,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 19th December, 1883. [944

NOTICE.

I HAVE this day established myself in this Colony as a SHARE and GENERAL BROKER.

S. A. JOSEPH.
Hongkong, 12th December, 1883. [924

NOTICE.

I HAVE this day commenced Business at the Port of KIUNGCHOW as MERCHANT and COMMISSION AGENT.

R. E. BRUCE.
Kiungchow, 20th November, 1883. [903

Intimations.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 24th to the 31st instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. BRADLEE SMITH,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 19th December, 1883. [946

HONGKONG & CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd instant until the 8th proximo, both days inclusive.

HENRY R. H. MARTIN,
Manager.
Hongkong, 18th December, 1883. [943

NOTICE.

HONGKONG HOTEL.

BREAKFAST.....8.30 A.M.
TIFFIN.....1.00 P.M.
DINNER.....7.30 P.M.
Hongkong, 17th December, 1883. [938

ROYAL YORK HOTEL,
OLD STEYNE, BRIGHTON, ENGLAND.

THE above HOTEL is Centrally situated, with Suitable Rooms and ample accommodation for travellers, especially those coming from Eastern Climates. FAMILIES and GENTLEMEN will find every comfort they can wish for at the above establishment.

A. HOADLY,
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THE above is a Commodious and Suitable HOTEL for FAMILIES and GENTLEMEN going home from the Far East. It is under the direct able Management of Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE PRAGNELL who spare no pains in providing their visitors with every possible comfort. [502

MRS. P. SMITH'S
PRIVATE TIFFIN ROOMS,
Nos. 8 AND 9, BEACONSFIELD ARCADE.

ARRANGEMENTS for BOARD and LODGING can be made by applying on the Premises.
Hongkong, 6th December, 1883. [910

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W. E. FOSTER,
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Hongkong, 6th December, 1883.